

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 688

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of Interstate 40 in Davidson County in honor of Chief Willie Barnes.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways to honor those exemplary public servants who dedicated their careers and their lives to protecting and serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Chief Willie Barnes, one of the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County's finest firefighters who lost his life while serving the public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Chief Barnes, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Chief Barnes was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and his greatest mission in life was to protect and serve the good people of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain segment of Interstate 40 in honor of Chief Willie Barnes to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the segment of Interstate 40 in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County from Exit 204 (White Bridge Road / Robertson Road ) to Exit 205 (46th Avenue / West Nashville) is hereby designated the "Chief Willie Barnes Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant who lost his life while serving the public safety and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers, both westbound and eastbound, designating the segment of Interstate 40 in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County from Exit 204 (White Bridge Road / Robertson Road ) to Exit 205 (46th Avenue / West Nashville) as the "Chief Willie Barnes Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.